

24 August 2016

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am to inform you that a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 31st AUGUST 2016 at 7.15 p.m.**

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

2. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

To consider written requests for dispensations from members who have declared interests under Disclosable or Non-Disclosable pecuniary interests – Section 33 of the 2011 Localism Act.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To notify of any items that appear in the agenda in which you may have an interest that has not been recorded in the Members Register of Interests.

4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Members of the public are permitted to make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Questions will not be received by the Council which are in furtherance of a person's individual circumstances or which are about a matter where there is a right of appeal to the courts, a tribunal or government minister. A question will not be received by the Council where the issue it concerns has been the subject of a decision of the Council in the last six months.

5. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 29th June 2016. (Previously Circulated)

... 6. **ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator for the nine weeks ended the 21st August 2016.

... 7. **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Works and Environment Manager for the nine weeks ended the 21st August 2016.

... 8. **CEMETERIES REPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator for the nine weeks ended the 21st August 2016.

... 9. **WEST CEMETERY REPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator.

... 10. **MINI BALER HARVESTER**

To consider the attached report from the Works and Environment Manager.

11. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(1) To consider the undermentioned planning applications:-

- (a) Removal of mock tudor timber framework and infill render – Royal Telegraph Inn – Aycliffe Village.
- (b) Erection of first floor side extension – 5 The Covert, Newton Aycliffe.
- (c) Erection of porch to north elevation – 2 Village Close, Newton Aycliffe.
- (d) Erection of 52 non-illuminated signs and 4no. internally illuminated signs within existing gantry – Tesco, Greenwell Road, Newton Aycliffe.
- (e) Erection of a wooden motorcycle garage/shed to rear and insertion of new access gate in wall to side – 1 Arrowsmith Square, Newton Aycliffe.
- (f) Illuminated totem sign, building-mounted branding signage – UTC South Durham, Long Tens Way, Aycliffe Industrial Estate.
- (g) Discharge of planning conditions 4 (materials), 5 (sound proofing), 6 (noise insulation), 8 (landscaping), 9 (sections), 10 (drainage), and 12 (archaeology) pursuant to DM/15/01121/FPA for the conversion of public house to 10 No. apartments and erection of 4 No. dwellings. – The North Briton, 23 High Street, Aycliffe Village.

(2) Prior Notification Planning Applications – (for information only)

A planning application which is given a PN reference is considered ‘deemed consent’, similar to permitted development and the Town Council cannot object to a householder PN application. If the planning authority had any issues they would ask for further details and a full planning application.

- (a) Prior notification for the erection of rear conservatory measuring 4 metres in length, 2.1 metres in height to eave level and 3 metres in overall height – 53 Kemble Green South, Newton Aycliffe.

- (3) To receive for information the undermentioned planning applications, prior notice of which has been circulated to all Members of the Council. Durham County Council have been notified of the listed comments on each application:-
- (a) Change of use of land to residential curtilage and erection of boundary fencing – 76 Mellanby Crescent, Newton Aycliffe.
No objections.
 - (b) Erection and display of digital screen within the bank window at Unit B3 – Avenue House, Greenwell Road, Newton Aycliffe.
No objections.
 - (c) Erection of fence to front (retrospective) – 1 Gamul Close, Newton Aycliffe.
No objections.
 - (d) Change of use of land to east from open space to domestic curtilage, erection of two storey side extension, single storey front and rear extension, garage/porch roof alterations and widening of driveway – 3 Lord Neville Drive, School Aycliffe.
No objections.
 - (e) Construction of new car park on vacant land adjacent to Redworth Way and St. Cuthberts Way, Aycliffe Business Park.
No objections.
 - (f) Proposed cabin for biomass boiler – Rose Lodge Care Home, Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe.
No objections.
 - (g) 15% Crown reduction, uplift to 3 metres and branch trimming by 1 metre (no cuts greater than 30mm) of Oak tree (T8) and 20% crown reduction, uplift to 3 metres and branch trimming by 1.5m (no cuts greater than 40mm of Sycamore tree (T9) – 34 Hawkshead Place, Newton Aycliffe.
No objections.
 - (h) Variation of condition 2 of planning approval ref: DM15/01731/FPA relating to adherence to approved plans in terms of site layout and landscaping including a reduction in parking provision – Premier Inn, Ricknall Lane, Preston Le Skerne, Newton Aycliffe.
No objections.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Councillors E. Adam, M. Ashcroft, D.G. Atkinson, J. Atkinson, P.J. Bergg, B. Blenkinsopp, A.M. Chandran, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, N. Collinson, Mrs. M. Dalton, M.A. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, G.C. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, Mrs. I. Hewitson, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, P. Kjenstad, Mrs. V.M. Raw, K. Robson and C. Wheeler.